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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: RED CROSS INVOLVEMENT

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1. AMBASSADOR HELD INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MISS MARY MKEJA, SECRETARY GENERAL, TANZANIAN RED CROSS, EVENING OF FRIDAY, 30 MAY, AND SATURDAY MORNING, 31 MAY.

2. MISS MKEJA HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT KIDNAPPED VICTIMS, AND SHE AND AMBASSADOR PURSUED WHAT ROLE TANZANIAN RED CROSS MIGHT PLAY.

3. FOLLOWING OVERNIGHT REFLECTION, MISS MKEJA SAID SHE FELT INTRUSION OF ONE NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETY IN MATTER CONCERNING VICTIMS OUTSIDE ITS JURISDICTION (STUDENTS BEING HELD IN ZAIRE) COMPLICATED SITUATION. SHE OPINED THAT ICRC MIGHT BE BETTER CHOICE
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AND HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH SITUATION SUCH

AS KIDNAPPING.

4. SHE PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
WITHIN THE TANZANIAN RED CROSS FAMILY AND WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY FELT KIDNAPPING WAS TOO TICKLISH A
DIPLOMATIC PROBLEM FOR TANZANIAN RC TO HANDLE, BUT THE CONCERN
EXPRESSED VOLUNTARILY WAS NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATED.
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